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1. The Schichau Shipyard in ELBING (Q 55/V 90) has risen to 80 percent of its wartime capacity. It was 25 percent destroyed at the end of the war. Soviet dismantlings were insignificant. Being suited to the purposes of the Soviet Navy the shipyard has been reconstructed by Soviet support since 1947, employing German PWS. According to the shipyard management the present work performance is to be doubled by the spring of 1951.
2. There are about thirty modern well equipped buildings. An efficient shipyard railroad is available.
3. A widely ramified welding current distribution net can meet all requirements. Two welding converters feeding the ring system are supplied by two generators of 360 and 2,000 amperes. The cross section of the ring system is large enough to eliminate any considerable voltage drop in the welding current distribution net in case of a peak load.
4. Engines for Soviet PT boats and submarines are produced in a special department. Only vessels of the Soviet Navy (PT boats, submarines, one larger warship and two dredgers) were in the shipyard at the time of observation. One hundred and twenty German PWS were still employed as skilled workers.

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Comment:

The report essentially confirms other information on the shipyard. It appears rather certain that the shipyard is utilized only by the Soviet Navy. The large warship is presumably a torpedo boat since it is assumed, on the basis of the available information, that the navigable channel through the Frische Hauff to ELBING has not been improved to such an extent that larger warships can go there. It is not believed that larger submarines can be constructed in ELBING at present. Since German midget submarines (one and two-man torpedoes) were formerly constructed in the shipyard, it appears likely that no vessels other than small submarines are now being constructed there.

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